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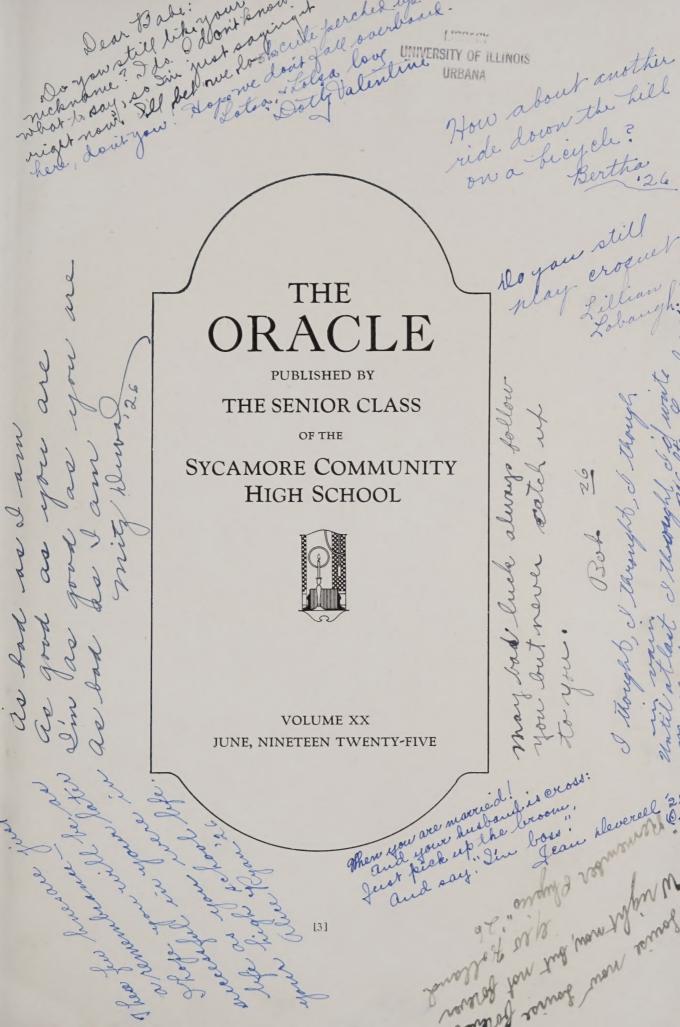




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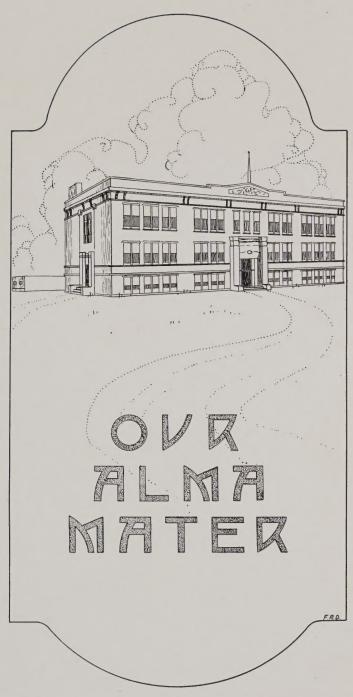
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Dedication

To Miss Ann Potter, our advisor and true friend, a teacher who has won the friendship and confidence of all who know her, in appreciation of her ready enthusiasm and untiring efforts in guiding the members of the Oracle Board through the year's work, we respectfully and gratefully dedicate this, the Twentieth Volume of the Oracle.



FOREWORD

In presenting the twentieth volume of the Oracle, to the Class of 1925, the members of the Oracle Board sincerely hope that it may prove to be a source of pleasure when we have left our dear Alma Mater, Sycamore High School, and have drifted far apart.

The work of the entire board has been concentrated in an effort to leave with you, in this book, an accurate account of the school life of the past year, at the same time making it characteristic of our class of '25. If we have accomplished this end we shall feel that our time and efforts have been well spent.

To those who have so willingly given of their time and talents, in order that this book might be a success, we extend our hearty thanks.

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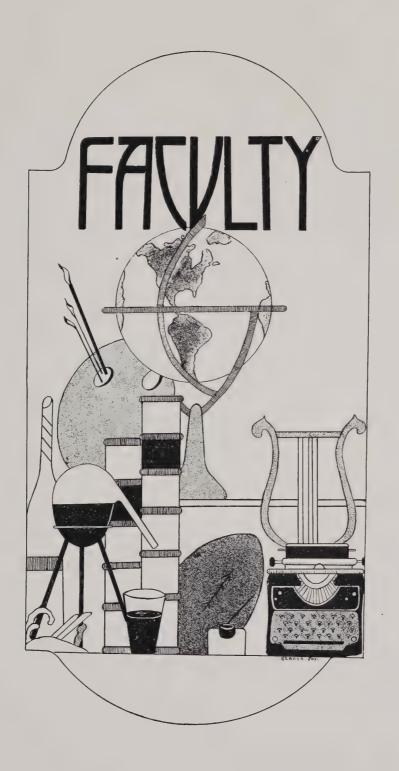
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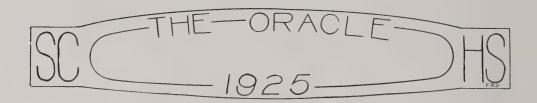
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TO THE CLASS OF 1925

"Oui plantavit curabit." He-who has been present at the origin of anything is likely to watch it most painstakingly throughout its course. We have been with you through four distinct stages of your High School course—sympathetic witness of sacrifices, high resolve and hard fought battle. It is therefore with appreciation that we speak.

Some one enquires who in the class stands at the foot and who is at the head? Well, that quiet mouse over there is not at the foot, for she always has her work finished and on time. And the boy in the distance who seems rather alone and ill at ease has performed many common duties uncommonly well. Both of those would go near the head. The lad at your right is alarmingly low in one subject. Did I hear you say he should be at the foot? Have a care, my friend! Remember the man who led the American troops up San Juan hill? When he was a junior at Harvard he made only sixty in public speaking and seventy-six in themes. Yes, sir. I saw the original grade sheet! How much did you pay for standing room to hear his last speech? And how much will you take for your autograph copy of "Outdoor Pastimes of An American Hunter?" You say you wan't sell it? Now you are talking sense. Neither would I place Theodore Roosevelt at the foot of his class.

No sir, we cannot name the least; and we are not sure we can name the greatest of the Class of 1925. Several have worked very diligently. "Toil is the Father of Fame." This said Euripides. As it was true in the Athens of his day, so it is equally true in Sycamore today. We believe we have some candidates for fame now leaving our High School.

Class, you have discovered that there is no intellectual elevator carrying students to graduation. It has been a pleasure to your faculty to find a small group who have made a steady climb by way of the old fashioned steep stairs. In your keeping we confidently place the banner of S. C. H. S. trusting that it will at last be planted at the top by honorable hands.

ROBERTA S. AMRINE.





JAMES DAYTON WARD

On the basketball floor, in the classroom, as President of the high school and the Senior class, "Date" has proved himself equal to every occasion. He is one of the most popular and likable fellows of class.

Class President (2, 4), President of High School (3), Student Council (3), Editorial Staff (2), Class Farce, Glee Club (2), Basket Ball (3, 4), Oracle Board (3, 4), Track (3), Athletic Association, Tennis Association.

EDWARD SAFFORD

There are many things one might say in praise of Ed's work during the past four years. We will say just this: He has performed every task that was set before him with a determination that is sure to win him success in his life work.

Vice President of Class (4), Debating Club (2, 3), Football (4), Track (3, 4), Athletic Association, Student Council (2, 3), Oratory (4), Class Farce.

Class Farce.

BERNELDINE O'BRIEN

In spite of a great deal of forced absence during her sophomore year, Berneldine has been able to keep up her scholarship and gradu-ate this year. She has a sweet dis-position and is admired by all of her classmates. her classmates.

Class Treasurer (4), Glee Club (3, 4), Operetta (3), Athletic Associa-

GLADYS FOY

Gladys, due to her artistic ability, has faithfully and efficiently held an important position on the Oracle Board of '25. Her pleasing personality and friendly manner have won for her many friends.

Evangeline Literary Society, Home Economics Club, Athletic Association, Tennis Association, Glee Club (1, 2, 3), Operetta (2, 3), Oracle Board (4).

BESSIE STRONG

To do justice to Bessie's admirable career in her four years of high school would be the unlimited task of an experienced writer. Her excellence both as a debater and officer of Evangeline Literary Society, together with her commendable work on the Oracle Board, make her a most versatile member of the Senior Class. At the same time she is a "jolly good sport" and her countless friends in S. H. S. wish her success. (R. A. D.)

Secretary of Evangeline Literary Society (1), Athletic Association, Home Economics Club, Debating Team (1, 2), Board of Sargeants, Oracle Board (3, 4).

JAMES A. DOOLEY

"Jim" is the skillful drummer in the Orchestra and Band. In addi-tion to this he is a staunch sup-porter of all class enterprises,

Class Secretary (4), Basket Ball (3), Athletic Band, Orchestra (4), Glee Club (4), Editorial Staff (4), Athletic Association, Minstrel Show

CLARENCE HENIGAN

Hen's humor and ready wit have made him very popular as a class room entertainer. He is also one of our star athletes of whom the class may be proud.

Footbal (3, 4), Basket Ball (3, 4), Baseball (4), Track (4), Student Council (3).

ELVIRA HANSON

Elvira always thinks twice before speaking once. Judging from her success during her high school career we believe that it is a good plan. We wish her every success for the future.

Vice President of Evangeline Literary Society (3), Glee Club (3, 4), Operetta (3), Home Economics Club.

MILDRED M. COOPER

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In spite of her interests in the bank, Mildred has been a faithful member of the class. She is always ready for a good time but is never noisy about it.

Evangeline Literary Society, Athletic Association, Glee Club.

LOUISE BODEEN

After leaving us for a year, Louise returned, having decided that S. H. S. is a pretty good place after all. We welcome her back to our ranks and wish her much joy and happi-

Evangeline Literary Society, Home Economics Club, Glee Club (2, 4), Operetta (2.)

LOUISE JOSLYN

Louise has been an industrious student and has rendered valuable services to the Evangeline Literary Society. She leaves many friends in S. H. S.

President of Evangeline Literary Society, Treasurer of Evangeline Literary Society, Class Farce, Editorial Staff (3), Home Economics Club, Tennis Association, Athletic Association, Glee Club, Operetta (3), Board of Sargeants (2, 3).

LELAND STROMBOM

"Scummy" alias "King Gloom" has spared no time, during the past four years, to put Sycamore on the Athletic map. The class may well be proud of such a member.

Basketball (2, 3, 4), Football (3, 4), Track (4), Baseball (4).





My pen is paor

my love for your Can never fail.

ALBERT LEONARD

The financial success of this book is due largely to the faithful work of our business manager. "Sqeek" also did creditable work on the staff of the Oracle of '24. Oracle Board (3, 4), Basket Ball (3, 4), Student Council (2).

DOROTHY MASON

One of the best natured girls in the class, Dorothy is always ready to meet the world with a smile.

Adelphian Literary Society, Athletic Association, Glee Club.

EMELIA LENSCHOW

Emelia has finished her high school course in three years. Congratulations, Emelia. We wish you even greater success for the future. Glee Club (1, 2, 3), Operetta (1, 2), Evangeline Literary Society, Home Economics Club.

EDNA WELANDER

Edna is our class poetess. She has a smile and good joke for everyone and is liked by all. Class Secretary (3), President of Adelphian Literary Society (3), Athletic Association.

SHIRLEY MIDDLETON

Shirley is one of our modest Senior girls who has a smile for everyone. She has done very well in her school work, in spite of her "outside interest."

Evangeline Literary Society, Home Economics Club, Tennis Association, Athletic Association.

GEORGE LINAUER

George not only shines as Captain of the football squad and a first class basketball player but his class work is worthy of much praise.

Football (2, 3, 4), Football Captain (3, 4), Basket Ball (2, 3, 4), Treasurer of class (3), Class Farce, Athletic Association.

WALTER LINDGREN

"Wally" is a faithful supporter of the "Ag" Club. He is full of fun but nevertheless a capable worker. We wish him success in his career. Opertta (2, 3), Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Boys' Double Quartet, Agricutural Club (2, 3), Minstrel Show (4).

ELSIE JORGENSON

Elsie is one of the Seniors who will always be remembered by her classmates and teachers with the pleasantest of thoughts. Her name never failed to be on the honor roll and she was always willing to cooperate in class work.

Evangeline Literary Society, Home Economics Club, Glee Club (3, 4), Operetta, Student Council (2, 3).

RUBY JOINER

Ruby is a quiet little Miss who does her work well and without a protest. She can always be relied upon to aid fier class when she is needed.

Glee Club (2, 4).

MARGARET LALLEY

Margaret is a fervent student who never mistakes school hours for playtime. Her ability as class secretary has never been questioned and we are sure that she will succeed in whatever work she undertakes.

Evangeline Literary Society, Home Economics Club, Glee Club (2), Operettà (2).

EVELYN PIERSON

Better known as "Ev,"—she was obliged to be absent from school for severa months, due to illness. However, her determination and ambition have enabled her to graduate with her class. Glee Club (1, 3, 4), Athletic Association

LORETTA RACHOR

By her participation in the various school activities we know Loretta to be a most earnest and enthusiastic worker. During her four years in S. H. S. she has made many friends among both teachers and students.

Treasurer of Class (2), President of Evangeline Literary Society (3), President of Home Economics Club (4), Oracle Board, Debating Team (3), Glee Club, Operetta, Class Farce, Editorial Staff, Athletic Association.





CHARLES DAVIS

Who is the peppiest member of our class? "Chuck" of course! Nevertheless he has been serious enough to take the responsibility of several important positions during his high school life.

President of Class (3), Vice President of Class (1, 2), Student Council (3), Class Farce, Oracle Board (3, 4), Editorial Staff (3), Athletic Association, Basket Ball (4).

HATTIE LEE

For the past four years Hattie's voice has been a valuable asset to the Glee Club. The Honor Roll too, has been lengthened by her name. Glee Club, Operetta.

ESTELLA WESTLAKE

Always happy and gay is our classmate, Estella. She is an accomplished singer and piano player. Evangeline Literary Society, Home Economics Club, Glee Club, Operetta (2, 3), Minstrel Show (4).

LILLIAN LOBAUGH

Lillian ranks among the highest honor students of the class. Her attentions are not confined to her books, however, for she has had many good times and made many friends during her stay in our midst.

Editorial Staff (4), Evangeline Literary Society.

FLORENCE SHOOP

Florence is one of the quiet members of the class who does good work without saying much. Her ablity as a pianist is worthy of our praise.

Evangeline Literary Society, Glee Club, Operetta.

NOMA STEARNS

Noma came to us from Byron in her Junior year. She is a loyal supporter of all school activities and a consistent member of the Honor Roll.

Student Council (3), Athletic Association.

FRANK DAILY

Frank has worked quietly and faithfully in the Art Department of this Oracle. This is only a sample of the style and quality of all his high school work.

Oracle Board, Athletic Association, Track (3, 4).

RUTH JOHNSON

Her dignity and business-like manner have won for Ruth, the respect and friendship of both teachers and students. With these qualities we feel sure success will follow her. Adelphian Literary Society, Glee Club (3, 4), Operetta (3).

GERTRUDE KELLY

We welcomed Gertrude to our ranks just this year. She surely has made herself worthy of the class of '25 in every line of high school work.

Editorial Staff (4).

FLORENCE LINDAHL

In the high records made in typing Florence's name always appeared. She was a faithful typist in her Oracle Board work and has made many friends during her high school years.

Vice President of Adelphian Literary Society (4), Home Economics Club, Athletic Association, Oracle Board, Glee Club (3).

ISABEL CLIFFE

Isabel is known to be one of the best debaters in the class. She is always ready for a good time and is especially popular on the dance floor.

Evangeline Literary Society, Athletic Association, Glee Club (4).

RAY SWANSON

Ray came to us this year from Washington State. We have scarcely had time to become well acquainted but we always welcome anyone who is as loyal and interested in S. H. S. as Ray has been. Glee Club (4), Minstrel Show.





HARRY ARMINGTON

While Harry does not force himself into prominence he has always been back of every school achievement. Although he is seldom on the platform of school activities one may be sure that he is behind the scenes.

Football Manager (3, 4), Class Treasurer (1), Basket Ball Manager (3, 4), Base Ball Manager (3, 4), Track Manager (3, 4), Class Farce, Student Council (3), Athletic Asso-

IDA MAE PIGOTT

Ida is a modest unassuming girl who has quietly pursued her course of study, always faithful to her class and to her Alma Mater.

Evangeline Literary Society, Athletic Association, Home Economics Club, Student Council (2), Glee Club (2).

MILDRED BURKE

When thinking of Mildred we are always reminded of her wonderful musical ability. She always responded willingly to any request to help her school or class.

Athletic Association, Class Farce, Glee Club, Operetta (2, 3).

MARION WHITTEMORE

Marion's beauty and gracious manners have placed her among the most popular girls in the class. Her ability in a literary way is only surpassed by her talent as a musician.

Secretary of Class (2), Treasurer of Evangeline Literary Society (2), President of Evangeline Literary Society (3), Glee Club, Operetta, Home Economics Club, Athletic Association, Class Farce, Editorial Staff.

ETHEL HALLBERG

Although Ethel does good work in all her subjects, she excels in typing. She was wisely chosen as a typist for the Oracle Board of '25 and has shown her eagerness to do her part at all times.

Evangeline Literary Society, Home Economics Club, Athletic Association, Oracle Board.

JAMES MONTGOMERY

James is a quiet, unassuming young man, But when he is out on the football field we can readily see that it takes a real man to make gains through his portion of make ga the line.

Agricultural Club (2, 3), Athletic Association, Football (4).

RUPERT JORDAN

Aside from being the pride of his teachers in all classes, "Rupe" has distinguished himself as a debater of the finest type.

Vice President of Class (3), Debating Team (2, 3), Debating Club (3), Agricultural Club, Glee Club, Operetta, Board of Sargeants (2), Class Farce (4), Minstrel Show (4), Orchestra (4).

GRACE SWANSON

Never was there a more sincere and honest worker than Grace. Her sweet but quiet manner has made many friends for her. Adelphian Literary Society, Tennis Association, Athetic Association, Glee Club, Operetta.

HARRIET BYERS

"Dyke" has a charming personality which has won her the name of the most popular girl in her class. She does not let this interfere, however, with her high school activities. ities.

Evangeline Literary Society, Glee Club (2, 3), Operetta (2, 3).

FERN BARTH

Fern has managed four years of sound studying. She has had many good times, too. With the sunny disposition that has characterized her past, she is sure to have a bright and happy future.

Evangeline Literary Society, Athletic Association.

LOUISE COURT

"I don't know" are three little words the teachers never hear Louise say. She has a cheerful disposition and makes friends easily. Vice President of Adelphian Literary Society (4), Debating Team (3), Glee Club, Operetta (3).

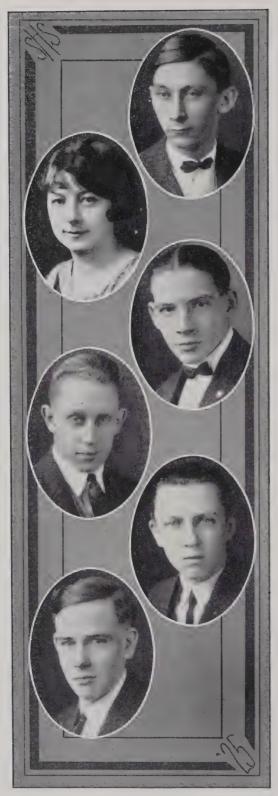
JAMES JARVIS

James has been with us the four years except a few months last winter when he was in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We are glad to have him back to graduate with the class.

President of Agricultural Club (4), Secretary of Agricutural Club (3), Boys' Glee Club, Operetta (3).



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CHARLEY MOORES

"Still water runs deep," is an old saying but a true one never-theless, for Charley is a living example of it.

Athletic Association.

ELEANORE JOHNSON

Eleanore has only been with us one year and perhaps we have not been able to become acquainted with all of her talents. However, we are pleased to claim her as a member of our class of '25.

Glee Club, Adelphian Literary Society.

CLIFFORD ASTLING

Here is one of our loyal students from out of town, who has come rain or shine for four years. Better be careful among the girls, Clifford, with that "sheiky" appearance of yours!

Agricultural Club (2), Glee Club (4).

HAROLD FREDRICKS

"Hally" has been a valuable member of our basket ball team in the past few years. He is declared to be a good sport by all.

Football (2), Basket Ball (2, 4).

JOHN FINNEGAN

John believes that it is inhuman to overwork a student, which is very thoughtful indeed. If there is any humor in the classroom John is not the last one to see it.

Athletic Association, Tennis Association.

EDWARD FOTHERGILL

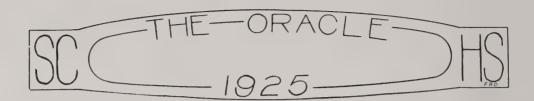
If the art of drawing is achieved by practice, Edward ought to be a master hand very soon, especially when it comes to clever cartoons. Ed's modesty ought to carry him a long way; we hope so! Athletic Association.



DORIS M. BRIGHAM

To Miss Brigham, we, the class of '25, wish to express our deep appreciation of all that she has done for us. As adviser of our class for the past two years, she has been a steady and reliable guiding light. Her unerring counsel and companionship have made her a source of inspiration and confidence. She understood us as no other did, and sacrificed much for our benefit. May good fortune be hers.

It's been an awful struggle, but your have done well. I songratulate your. The: which me have to work for, and do work is, and finally get, is prime now worm



CLASS HISTORY

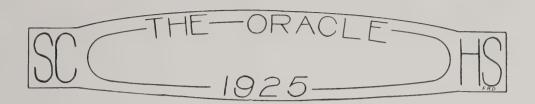
When one considers the manifold benefits of High School life and of High School studies which the student of average mental capacity acquires in his four years of work and play, one cannot but regret that some of the young people of this community feel they are wasting time and must leave school to take up their life work. Of those who have remained through the four years not one would exchange his school life for the privilege of having worked at a trade these same four years. In later life the experiences, happy memories, and real knowledge acquired will be looked back upon as a jewel of great price by the graduates of this school.

The studies offered tend to give the student practical experience, and putting theories into practice has become a large element of many of our high school courses. This class has enjoyed the benefits of all these modern school advantages and we feel that the time spent has been well worth while.

In September of the year 1921 about one hundred boys and girls assembled from country and city to enter the Sycamore High School as freshmen.

They were a rude, rather barbarous and motley collection, but somehow order was established and to the surprise of many, a wise selection of officers took place. Some brave boy nominated John Faissler for president. This started the ball rolling which was not to stop for four years. The other officers chosen were vice regent, Charles Davis; keeper of the class scrolls, Robert Hoover; and door keeper of the class purse, Harry Armington. The activities of the class were confined to basket ball, debating, a Hallowe'en party and a folk-moot at the end of the first year, this latter taking place at Kingston Park. The wise counselor and chief adviser for this period and the next was Miss Slonaker.

In the sophomore year the class decreased in numbers but increased in its school activities. Its cabinet for this year was governor general, Dayton

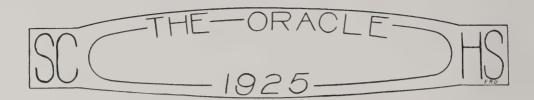


Ward; assistant, Charles Davis; head banker, Loretta Rachor; and minute man Marion Whittemore. This year the class supported football, basketball, track, debating, oratory and many other school activities. The main social event was the Christmas party which was a decided success.

When the class went into action as Juniors they again made a wise selection of officers. For chief magistrate they chose Charles Davis; for his assistant Rupert Jordan was selected; Edna Welander had the trying office of secretary; and George Leinauer was appointed treasurer. This year the class held responsible positions in all phases of school life, being one of the supporters of football, of the literary organizations, debating, various clubs and lo! in basketball it reigned supreme. The class joyfully took part in both the Junior and Senior receptions.

At last the class has attained the long coveted position of Seniors and has been trying for the past year to fill its important position successfully. We have chosen as leaders: Dayton Ward, president; Edward Safford, vice president; Berneldine O'Brien, treasurer, and James Dooley, warden of the class finances. This book is a record of our activities for the year. For all these years the class has looked forward to this happy event of graduation, so it is with a sense of regret at leaving but a rising hope for the future that we have finished our history as the "Class of '25."

-RUPERT JORDAN '25.



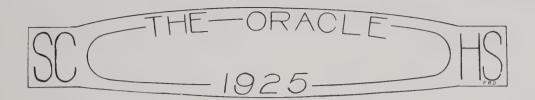
CLASS PROPHECY

June 6, 1936, was the date set for the international altitude flight. Aircraft from all countries in the world were present at Richmond, Virginia, where the contest was to be held. My pilot and I arose early and inspected our plane, which was, by the way, one of the latest design, and made our last preparations for the journey. An immense crowd shouted and waved a farewell as we took off, heading our course westward.

In our circular course we had long since lost our bearings but still hoped we were over American soil. After a steady flight we had attained an altitude of 82,000 feet when our instrument failed to register. We then began our descent and as we again neared earth were forced to land on account of an over-heated motor. Our landing was made in the main street of a large city.

Before we could extricate ourselves we were set upon by a most ferocious policeman who placed us under arrest for holding up traffic. The policeman asked us our names and then hearing them gave us a most hearty handshake. We were indeed surprised to find our old classmate Charley Moores. He informed us that there was a good landing field on the Astling estate. Upon arriving here we were cordially greeted by our friend "Jolly Cliffe." He asked us to take luncheon with him, an invitation which we gladly accepted. As we were leaving the house we were met by a woman, a red haired woman, who asked to see Mrs. Astling. She presented us with her card and passed on. On the card was: L. Rachor, District Representative For Tanlac, Ladies' Silk Hose and Canary Birds.

We left in Cliff's Packard to see the greatly enlarged city of Sycamore. As we were crossing the bridge of the Kishwaukee we stopped to view the approaching steamboat which carried passengers to and from the amusement park. We were told that Rupert Jordan was doing well in this business. We bade Mr. Astling farewell and took the boat to the park.



After disembarking we entered a tonsorial parlor and were shaved by none other than Harold Frederick. On another door we saw a sign: Exclusive Ladies' Marcelling. D. Ward.

Desirous of taking a dip we entered the mineral pool by the side of the river. A gathering at the end of the pool attracted our attention and we arrived just in time to hear the judge award prizes to Ethel Halberg, Elvira Hanson and Ruth Johnson — bathing beauties.

We heard a shrill shout for help coming from the other end of the pool but before we could reach the scene a brilliant life-guard climbed to his tower and dove to the rescue. Reporters wrote a thrilling story of the rescue of Miss Bessie Strong by Life-Guard Edward Safford.

We left the pool, rented golf clubs and hired a caddy, an eight year old boy. He seemed rather observant and noticing our class rings he informed us that his mamma had one just like them. She was formerly Miss Mildred Cooper, now the wife of a retired banker.

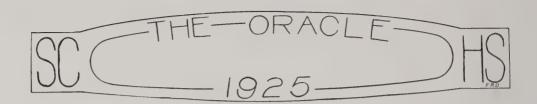
On the second round we came upon the L. & I. refreshment stand of which Lillian Lobaugh was the senior partner.

It was customary every Saturday afternoon to give a free ride on the merry-go-round to the largest family on the lot. This afternoon the honor fell to Mrs. Harriet Byers Cudden.

We were greeted with the familiar cry, "Taxi!" and were surprised when we saw a lady driver. We recognized Louise Joslyn who is operating a taxi line with Fern Barth, employing Bernard Teach as their mechanic.

We were driven to the Hotel Sternes, which was managed by Leland Strombom. On questioning our classmate he informed us that the personnel included others of the class of '25. John Finnegan was employed as head Bell Hop, Ida Pigott and Florence Shoop, the chamber maids, and Elsie Jorgensen was the famous chief cook and dishwasher.

On entering the smoking room the drawn out wails of a grind organ reached our ears. Not wishing to be disturbed the entire evening we went outside where a monkey spotted us immediately. We looked at the owner and half recognizing him, questioned him. It was as we had supposed; he had changed his name but he was still the same old "Eddie" Fothergill we had always known.



In the reading room we found the evening papers. The Sycamore True Republican was now similar to the Chicago Daily News. The front page was devoted to the story of a thrilling baseball game in which Clarence Henigan, a Sycamorite, pitched a no-hit, no-run game for the Chicago Sox.

On looking over the familiar page entitled "locals" we saw that Charles Davis, millionaire toothpick manufacturer, had passed through Sycamore in his Cadillac V-74 and purchased a couple of Stutz Bearcats from James Dooley, exclusive Rolls Royce dealer in Sycamore.

Another article told that Harry Armington and Miss Marion Whittemore were detailed by the "Home Protectors" society to investigate the conditions of the poor children in the slums of Sycamore.

Further down an article told of the great effort of Frank Dailey to find the Holy Grail. He had just left Sycamore on his fourth Crusade. He is to be commended for his perseverance in this noble cause.

Next we came across a full page advertisement boosting Louise Bodeen's new system for reducing—guaranteed to reduce in six weeks or money refunded. It also published a testimonial letter from Louise Court—first lady Chief Justice of the Judiciary—in which Miss Court gave all credit possible to the new system.

Ray Swanson, sculptor, also advertised for models. Estella Westlake was his chief assistant at present.

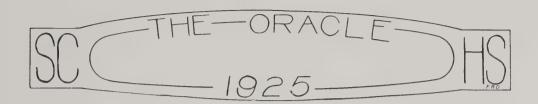
Edna Welander, poetess and former resident of Sycamore, recently published her latest poem in "The Prairie Farmer."

In the artists' corner we saw that Miss Gladys Foy was about to sail for Italy to study art. She was always a prominent artist in high school.

In the missionary notes we found that Ruby Joiner was a missionary to China and had just sent back her first report.

We were even more astounded when we read that Margaret Lalley was perfecting her new theory of Atomic Weights. She was a pupil of Miss Brigham back in S. II. S. in 1925.

In the announcements we noticed that a meeting of the DeKalb County Seed Association was called by the president, James Motgomery.



The Sycamore Opera Company were featuring this week, Mlle. Mildred Burke and Senor James Jarvis.

We left for the Opera but becoming confused in directions we ended up in front of the massive State and Maple Theatre. A very engaging young man was selling tickets. We hardly recognized him through his heavy beard as Bob Hoover.

On the left of the entrance we were hailed by "Pop corn, peanuts and chewing tobacco." Myron Millett was making his fortune in this business.

Three somewhat familiar ushers arose and we recognized them as Shirley Middleton, Hattie Lee and Emelia Lenschow.

First we were entertained by a clever acrobatic act in which "Sturdy" Walter Lindgren and "Lithe" Dorothy Mason showed exceptional ability. The next was a Ballet Dance by Grace a la Swanson.

A special attraction in the evening's entertainment was a talk on "Incomes" by State Treasurer Berneldine O'Brien.

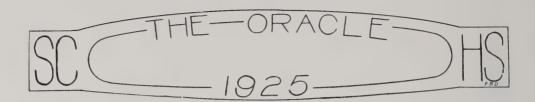
We followed the crowd from the theatre to the "Cliffe and Pierson" Dancing Academy. Miss Cliffe told us that the downtown reception office of the N. I. Girls' Reformatory was next door. Gertrude Kelley was the matron of the school while Florence Lindahl taught Domestic Science. Office work was left to the secretary Eleanor Johnson.

We had passed one of the most happy days of our lives, having seen most of the members of the class of '25. We deeply regretted leaving Sycamore but it was necessary to be in Richmond the following evening. The next morning a great crowd was present to see us off and we expressed our thanks for their hospitality. We were about to start when a voice from the crowd shouted, "Here comes the Mayor — we're going to have a review."

The shrill peal of the bell brought us to our senses in time to hear Miss Potter continue "and our test will come on Thursday."

—ALBERT LEONARD, '25.

—GEORGE LEINAUER, '25.



CLASS WILL

We, the illustrious and enterprising members of the famous class of 1925, do now draw up the following Will and Testament concerning the disposal of our attributes and possessions, to be distributed in the following manner:

The all-around ability of the Seniors to the Juniors.

John Finnegan leaves his cough medicine to Roy Strong, to be taken every three hours.

Ida Pigott leaves her corn plasters to Fern Vandeburg.

Dayton Ward leaves his Hudson to Charles Cornwall for the sole purpose of making suitable connections between his suburban residence and the Sycamore seat of knowledge.

Harry Armington bequeaths his safety razor to Donald Koehn.

Clifford Astling donates one spongy mass of Spearmint gum under his desk in the third row in the assembly, to the first one who can get there.

Bennie Teach leaves his book on "How to Acquire Sheikish Tendencies," to Stanley Jordan.

Marion Whittemore leaves one nickel-plated vanity case to Edna Lobaugh.

Clarence Henigan leaves one untouched package of the popular Beech-Nut chewing tobacco to George Knipp.

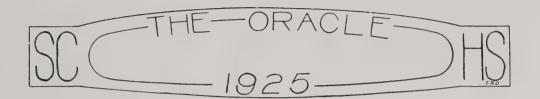
The class as a whole, heartily subscribe to the movement providing Donald Michaelson with one quart of fresh milk per day.

Louise Court gives to Jeanette Bollinger one-half carton of anti-fat pills, together with her physical training paraphernalia.

James Montgomery gives to Truman Stark a full fledged, Big Ben Alarm Clock to eliminate the risk involved in securing permits.

Edward Safford leaves one pair of balloon soled goloshes to Harold Sabin.

Evelyn Pierson rather reluctantly gives up her ever useful curling iron



to Milton Perry, to be used only on festive occasions.

Charley Moore leaves his cavalier tactics to James Organ.

Rupert Jordan, midst an abundance of surging tears, and quivering lips, consents to dedicate his Ford to the Agricultural Department, for the sole purpose of shelling corn.

Bessie Strong leaves her volume on "Winning Ways" to Fay Vandeburg to be used on all promising rural maidens.

Florence Lindahl in a very confidential manner, leaves very important data on several Barb City "Sheiks" to Lillian Carlson.

Ruth Johnson leaves her bedroom slippers to Freda Drewe.

Estelle Westlake leaves her vamping technique to Vaughn Whitney to be appplied to all "sheiks in the raw," or our rural lads.

Lillian Lobaugh leaves one full-blooded Australian soup hound to Mr. Gipson to aid in enforcing his commands during the assembly period.

Edward Fothergill leaves his "Tux" suit to John Ryan, to be used in Cook's Serenaders.

The whole Senior class wish Mr. and Mrs. Harboldt a most joyous honey-moon.

Walter Lindgren bequeaths Adolph Askeland one full can of Maeser's Fivers stogies, to be smoked between innings on the baseball team.

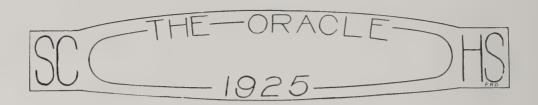
Again the whole class of 1925 wish the whole Sycamore student body and faculty, a most successful future at the local higher institution of learning.

And in conclusion Frank R. Daily leaves one full jar of "Lay Down Now" stacomb to Harlan London.

Signed here in the presence of Chief Justice Laverne Tucker on the 32nd day of April, 1925.

Yours lovingly,

—LELAND STROMBOM '25.



CLASS POEM

The Class of Nineteen Twenty-five Now says a last good-bye To teachers, friends, held dear to us, In friendship's golden tie.

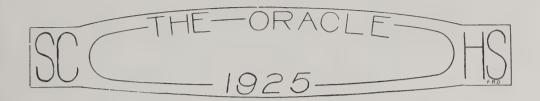
Our dear old high school days are past,
We ne'er again can live them;
But memory fondly glances back,
And fondest thoughts we give them.

We trust we've learned the lessons, School, Which you would have us know That ever we might walk upright In face of friend and foe.

We trust that in our future lives, In striving for success, That we shall ever upward look, Thus honoring S. H. S.

We leave, dear School, but ne'er forget
The cherished scenes of Youth;
Thy spirit ever guides us on
Toward Honor, Justice, Truth!

-Mildred Burke



JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

OFFICERS

Keith Snelgrove	.President
Ruth DriseollVice	President
Leslie Read	Treasurer
Stanley Jordan	.Secretary

CLASS DIARY

September 4, 1922.

Just think I'm a High School student at last. They may say we are green but I don't think so. I just don't know, though, if I dare cut up around Miss Amrine or not, and do you know, I had an awful time finding one of my class rooms. My subjects are hard but I'm really all excited about this life. I must go to bed.

October 31, 1922.

School isn't half bad now. We had our Hallowe'en Party tonight and it was so much fun—everyone was masked. Say, I don't believe that gypsy told my fortune right. Have to go to bed, it's so late—we didn't leave till a quarter of eleven.

May 16, 1923.

Freshmen aren't supposed to be good in athletics, are they? We lost both girls' and boys' basketball games — but we'll do better next year. We showed up in declamations, orations, and debates, anyway. So long, dear Diary.

May 20, 1923.

Just got back from Kingston where we had our Freshman Picnic. We had lots of fun and some good eats, too. Only a couple of windshields and a wheel were broken, so everyone got there eventually. Believe me, if they have one next year, I'm going. Well, good-night.

May 22, 1923.

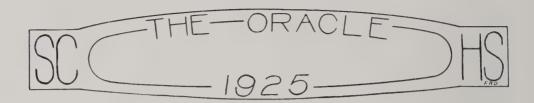
Oh, this old grind — preparing for finals again. My, but the review is hard. Miss Amrine says our class is coming right along in scholarship, though. Must review Algebra, now. Probably won't see you till fall. Good-by.

September 20, 1923.

I'm a full fledged Sophomore now — I seem so much more dignified and can even kid the Freshies about their greenness. How green I was a year ago. Must study now for tomorrow. Good-night.

November 22, 1923.

My, but we had a good meeting at Evangeline tonight. I belong to Evan-



geline but I hear Adelphian is just as good. I often hear the boys tell about the good times they have at Debating Club, too — especially if they can find a pair of gym bloomers to put on "Abe" Lincoln. Isn't that terrible, Diary? They do lots of work though, the same as our society does. Oh, it's late — good night.

December 21, 1923.

What fun! We Sophomores put on our first party for the whole school and listen, it was a success! We had a dandy program. I overheard some one say our play was the best they'd seen for years at a Sophomore Party. And to think one of our own class wrote it! We all had such a good time. So long, dear Diary.

March 20, 1924.

We lost again in class games but anyway our boys are playing on High School teams. Our girls won the tournament in basketball, too. Perhaps we are not so bad, after all. Must close.

May, 1924.

Talk about fun — I wish you could have been at our Sophomore Picnic. Of course, we behaved better than the year before because we are older and more sedate. We seemed to have our appetites along when it came time to eat hot-dogs and ice cream. Better plan to be a Junior and come with us on our next picnic! All for this time.

June 4, 1924.

School is out at last! Say, but those finals were hard this semester — thought I'd never get through English II., but I did. I must say good-by now until next year and be off to enjoy my vacation — be good!

October 10, 1924.

Back to the same old grind and only a Junior! Wish our class would revive some of its old pep. Nothing much has been happening at school, although societies, glee club, debating club, etc. are in full swing. Guess I'll close now and get to the show.

November 5, 1924.

Junior sweaters here at last! They are blue and orange and are so good looking. Lots of our class didn't like the colors but I'm glad I got one. They look much better than we all expected. So long.

March 21, 1925.

Gee, the Seniors gave us a good reception. Such a good feed, too! We Juniors are trying to earn money so as to give them just as good a reception — and I'll bet we do. Must get my Geometry. Good night.

(To be continued.)

MARJORIE WILSON, '26.



SECOND ROW—Mary Millmow, Lillie Jackson, Mary Hornurg, Dorothy Valentine, Grace Montgomery, Eleanor Middleton, Orisa Lanan, Louise Wright, Pearl Peterson, Josephine Settle, Viola Olson, Lillian Carlson.

THIRD ROW—Marian Benson, Sylvia Montgomery, Doris Remala, Marjorie Wilson, Evelyn Carlson, Vivian Driscoll, Avis Coffee, Virginia Driscoll, Alice Ryan, Helen Burchfield, Vaughn Whitney, Bertha Lossman. FIRST ROW—Freda Drewe, Miss Olmsted, Dorothy Shoop, Winifred Foy, Helen Carlson, Elizabeth Warren, Aurel Martinson, Mildred Duval, Maurine Adee, Erma Lane, Ruth Hall, Helen Johnson.

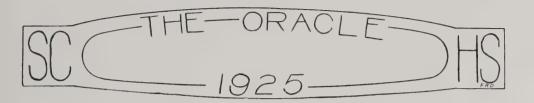
Pernember me at the basket ball games (3)



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Hoyt, Fernando Helson, Roy Caldwell, Leslie Read.
SECOND ROW—John Bridger, Montford Bennett, Wayne Remala, Lowell Smith, Gerald Lalley, Algert Binder, Ralph Caldwell,
Everett Johnson, Richard Lane. FIRST ROW-Keith Snelgrove, Nicholas Scherer, William McQueen, Kenneth Eychaner, Leslie Smith, Edward Hallet, Ralph

THIRD ROW—Bernice Tomlinson, Stanley Burchfield, David Strombom, John Ryan, Hawley Kendall, Robert Fulton, Stanley Jordan, Emory Millet.



SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Charles Marshall
Vice President	Alice McConaghie
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Adviser	•

Motto — "Quality, Not Quantity"

In the fall of 1923, the second largest class in High School history — one hundred eight of the greenest Freshmen — burst open the doors and made their way through the corridors.

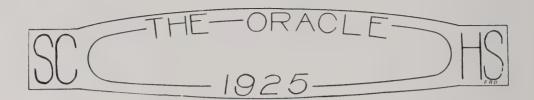
During the first semester it was noticed that we had exceptional musical, academic and athletic talent amidst us. Through our brainy class officers, Patten, Knipp and Becker, and with the aid of Miss Browns, our adviser, we finally emerged from our first year of high school life.

The following September of 1924 those who had entered a year previous as green freshies came back ready to maintain their places on the Honor Roll and on the athletic field.

Within the first few months we had classmates on the two "A" and even all "A" Honor Roll. In football we had representatives in Bowers, Tucker and Sabin. In basketball we had two members, Bowers and Sabin, on the lightweight squad. Of the twenty members of the Orchestra, seven belonged to the Class of '27.

Mainly through our fine spirit was our Christmas party a success. Though we are but half way through high school life, we feel that we have reason to be proud of our large and loyal class of '27.

JAMES SMITH, '27.



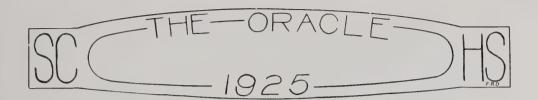
PARADE OF THE SOPHOMORE NOTABLES

Slowly and majestically down the High School course stalks the noble Sophomore procession. They are led by the Sycamore High School Athletic Band in whose midst we see several Sophomore lads. James Organ is leader and struts ahead in his bell bottoms flourishing a baton. Ralph Wyman, solo trombonist, demonstrates to the faculty and friends in the reviewing stand the result of constant practice. Harold O'Brien entrances the spectators with the thrills of his cornet, while "Wally" Lenschow plays "second fiddle" to Harold, so to speak, but never-the-less wears a cherubic smile. Charles Marshall sports a tuxedo and spats, as befits the president of such a large body of scholars, but never-the-less condescends to twine his fingers about his saxophone and make merry with the rest of the music makers. Ray Bowers manages to drown out Charles, however, with a combination of his voice and his drum.

Immediately behind this troop of Dreamland Syncopators comes the pride of the class of '27. In a chariot of good grades drawn by two fiery steeds, "Pluck" and "Bluff," which are in turn driven by that veteran hand, Arnold Roush, comes Verna Swanson, star "A" pupil. Three lieutenants follow her, Alice McConaghie, Irene Sandholm and Pauline Waterman. The rest do not follow in order of grades for the Sophomores reward other merits as well.

Another carriage driven by Clifford Scott is reserved for the class officers, but all are too busy elsewhere in line, except James Smith, secretary, who has ascended to this august seat, with his silk hat and red tie and benevolent eye upon the spectators.

Sophomore heroes in Athletics now appear. Harold Sabin and Laverne Tucker strut along yanked by those members of the Girls' Basketball Team who have not migrated elsewhere. We notice Florence Pratt, Fern Vande-



burg and Dorothy Mavis. Ray Bowers should accompany Sabin and Tucker but duty prompts and the band needs him.

Numerous couples now approach flitting about in the mystic maze of the newest dance step. Such faces as Anna Louise Richwine, Mildred Marshall, Gertrude Rachor and others are discernible over the shoulders of such youths as William Boies and Ralph Becker, the latter being newly back from New Mexico, bronzed and freckled.

But lo and behold! No wonder they dance! Next is a gorgeous float upon which, at a small piano, Jack Patten is seated, dreamily playing jazz. A trio accompanies him on the platform in the nature of Elmer Hindenburg, Clarence Entwhistle and Harlan London.

Roy Strong, Blanche Coffey and Jeannette Bollinger come chattering along on stilts. The Three Shortest Sophomores were greatly grieved when they saw the order of march, so built themselves stilts in order to be seen above the float of the noted pianist. Jeannette has Roy beat at maneuvering.

Next comes a nondescript squad commanded by "Copey" Cornwall and composed of Robert Hammerschmidt, Adolph Askeland, Frank Brown, Edward Rogers, Leslie Swanson and others scarcely recognizable in the cloud of dust they playfully kick over one another.

Behind them is a flying squadron consisting of Alva Sargent and Morris Kempton, each mounted on a bicycle.

And lastly with a dripping pen over his ear comes the lowly author himself herding together the scattered parts of his "Parade of the Sophomore Notables."

On past the reviewing stand the austere column marches to where at the end of the course a glittering diploma burns forth on the speaker's platform.

GEORGE D. KNIPP.



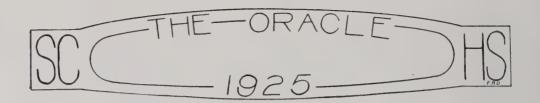
FIRST ROW—Gertrude Rachor, Hazel Rich, Fern Vandeberg, Ir ene Sandholm, Miss Giffin, Eleanor McConaghie, Anna Louise Richwine, Pauline Waterman, Helen Alms, Alice McConaghie, SECOND ROW—Lorene Bennett, Kathern Chaffeld, Mildred Marshall, Virginia McCord, Zola Foster, Charlotte Nachtigall, Virginia Stroberg, Virginia Studyvin, Florence Ashelford.

THIRD ROW-Verna Swanson, Jeannette Bollinger, Caroline Lee, Blanche Rich, Dorothy Bodeen, Bernice Schmidt, Florence Pratt, Dorothy Mavis, Beatrice Forster.

FOURTH ROW-Lydia Stenstrom, Edna Benson, Eloise Waffle, Alice Percy, Gertrude Olson, Mildred Framberg, Theo. Tomlinson, Bertha Levine, Edna Lobaugh, Mabel Smith.



Everett Sanders. SECOND ROW—Harold Sabin, Jack Patten, William Boies, Walter Lenschow, Elmer Hindenburg, Leslie Swanson, Ray Bowers, Ar-THIRD ROW—James Organ, Robert Hammerschmidt, Charles Marshall, Roy Strong, George Knipp, Alva Sargent, Adolph Askeland, Morris Kempton, Harold O'Brien. FIRST ROW-James Smith, Clarence Entwhistle, Ralph Wyman, LaVerne Tueker, Edward Rogers, Frank Brown, Clifford Scott, nol Roush.



FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

OFFICERS

Donald Michaelson	President
Ellis VinerVice	President
Evelyn Boyle	.Secretary
Stanley Gullberg	.Treasurer

After eight years of arduous toil the ship of 1928 was ready for launching. On September 3d the momentous occasion arrived and setting all sail the gallant ship started. It was a very trying business to steer the ship clear of the perils of Algebra, English, Latin, Science, etc. A few days after the start of the voyage a captain and mates were chosen. A group of about ninety persons composed the crew.

The monthly grade winds brought smiles to the faces of some of the crew and frowns to others. The crew, when off duty were very gay and one gala scene took place aboard the ship on October 30. On December 24 we touched an island, and two weeks shore leave was granted to the crew.

One of the January hurricanes (exams) reduced the crew by sweeping overboard two of the men. Another island was touched and the crew again had shore leave, beginning March 28. At the end of this leave the ship started on the last leg of the journey. Meanwhile the teams of the ship had competed against other ships of the squadron quite successfully. At last the ship reached her destination, rather weather beaten but nevertheless strong and sturdy.

DONALD MICHAELSON '28.



FIRST ROW—Lucy Boies, Eloise Nelson, Mary Nesbitt, Ruth Burke, Ruth Johnson, Genevieve Winans, Miss Ewing, Josephine Moore, Rose Pierson, Marion Condon, Marie Latham, Frances Anderson. SECOND ROW-Marion Swedberg, Jane Hammerschmidt, Margaret Read, Emma Francisco, Vernice Fredericks, Ora Clark, Joan

THIRD ROW--Corinne Johnson, Marian Wallmark, Dorothy Thurston, Evelyn Boyle, Hazel Listy, Elvira Martinson, Bessie Robin-Załoga, Mildred Darnell.

FOURTH ROW-Ebba Rasmussen, Irene Lalley, Beulah Jacobson, Irene Klemmedson, Olive Byers, Signa Tjemsland, Marjorie Bridger, Lucile Beaman, Lucy Beamish, Evelyn Ferkins, son, Gladys Hetland.



FIRST ROW—Marvin Wetzel, James Cliffe, Franklyn Robbins, Dolph Entwhistle, Clarence Buzzell, Donald Michaelson, Clyde Conlin, Reuben Poole, Delos Cudden, Ralph Pratt, Mason Jacobson, Robert Percy.

SECOND ROW—Donald Kendall, Ellis Viner, Arnold Sanders, Ezra Caldwell, Ward Betty, Morris Gustafson, Everett Hansen, Milton Perry, Grant Bellendorf, Bertil Bradenburg. THIRD ROW—Clifford Swedburg, Sheldon Marsh, Clarion Ross, Harlan London, James Brower, Harold Johnson, Donald Koehn,

George Sabin, Truman Hall, Leland Hansen.

FOURTH ROW-Marvin Bridger, Stanley Gullberg, Kenneth Maveus, Clayton Lockwood, Richard Kochn, Robert Stran, Fay Vandeberg, Donald Henigan, Truman Stark, Walter Anderson.



SC THE-ORACLE HS



FIRST—Mildred Duval, Harriet Byers, Vivian Driscoll, Lorene Benett, Virginia Driscoll, Miss Giffin, Miss Condon, Maurine Adee, Marion Whittemore, Katherine Chatfield, Pauline Waterman.

SECOND—Emelia Lenschow, Loretta Rachor, Louise Joslyn, Mildred Cooper, Bessie Strong, Elsie Jorgenson, Shirley Middleton, Louise Bodeen, Elvira Hanson, Mildred Marshall, Mary Nesbitt.

THIRD—Sylvia Montgomery, Elizabeth Warren, Mary Millmow, Irene Lalley, Dorothy Bodeen, Gladys Foy, Marjorie Bridger, Margaret Lalley, Olive Byers, Lucy Boies, Eleanor McConaghie.

FOURTH—Eloise Nelson, Estella Westlake, Vaughn Whitney, Marion Condon, Jeannette Bollinger, Marjorie Wilson, Winifred Foy, Alice McConaghie, Florence Shoop.

EVANGELINE LITERARY SOCIETY

First Semester Officers

Louise Joslyn	.President
Bertha LossmanVice	
Marjorie Wilson	.Secretary
Lorene Bennett	

Second Semester Officers

Marjorie Wilson	President
Winifred FoyVice	President
Mary Nesbitt	Secretary
Marjorie Bridger	Treasurer

Among the interesting programs of the year, a typical one was the following:

Piano Solo	Mildred Duval
"My Trip to Europe"	Miss Potter
Vocal Solo	Estelle Westlake
"My Most Embarrassing	Moment''Mariorie Bridger

SC THE-ORACLE HS



FIRST-Eleanor Johnson, Florence Lindahl, Ruth Johnson, Helen Johnson, Marie Latham, Miss Euhardt.

SECOND—Caroline Lee, Ruth Johnson, Aural Martinson, Helen Carlson, Evelyn Carlson, Edna Welander, Frances Anderson, Joan Zaloga, Gladys Hetland.

THIRD—Elvira Martinson, Vernice Fredericks, Marion Benson, Louise Court, Lucy Beamish, Lucille Beamann, Lillian Carlson, Viola Oleson, Gertrude Oleson, Hazel Listy.

FOURTH—Blanche Rich, Dorothy Valentine, Emma Francisco, Evelyn Boyle, Signa Tjemsland, Beulah Jacobson, Irene Klemmedson, Edna Benson, Jane Hammerschmidt.

ADELPHIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

First Semester Officers

Lyllian Carlson	.President
Louise CourtVice	President
Vernice FredericksSecretary and	Treasurer

Second Semester Officers

Louise Court		President
Florence Lindahl	Vice	President
Margaret ReadSecretary	and	Treasurer

Five especially enjoyable numbers of this year's programs were:

Vocal SoloMiss Wollensa	K
Talk (My Trip to Rome)	n
Talk (My Experiences in the West)	g
Talk (Interesting Places In the United States That I Have Seen)Miss Amrin	ie
Talk (My Native Country)Joan Zalog	ţa



FIRST ROW—Clyde Conlin, Hawley Kendall, Edward Hallet, Mr. Terrell (director), Donald Michaelson, William Boies.

SECOND ROW—George Knipp, Donald Koehn, Walter Lenschow, Robert Fulton, Robert Hammerschmidt.

THIRD ROW—Kenneth Mavis, Stanley Gulberg, Richard Koehn, Roy Strong, Charles Marshall.

DEBATING CLUB

There is no doubt that the Debating Club functioned unusually well during the past year. Each meeting was very interesting and showed that the boys had a definite purpose and aim in their debate work. The programs were instructive as well as interesting and the topics chosen for debate were of modern importance.

Although the membership was small the club progressed very well. Robert Fulton was president for the first semester and the club functioned well under his presidency. The second semester the club was guided by Walter Lenschow, who all through his high school years has been active in debate work. Mr. Terrell acted as supervisor for the year.

-JAMES ORGAN '27.



FIRST—Nicholas Scherer, Lowell Smith, James Organ, Rupert Jordan, Everett Sanders. SECOND—Kenneth Eychaner, William McQueen, Walter Lindgren, Clifford Astling, James Dooley.

THIRD—Miss Wollensack (director), Mildred Marshall (accompanist), Leslie Swanson, William Boies, Jack Patten, Hawley Kendall, Harold O'Brien.

FOURTH—Howard Stocking, John Ryan, Everett Hanson, Ralph Wyman, Ralph Pratt, Ray Bowers.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB

The Sycamore High School has a Boys' Glee Club of which it can be proud. It consists of twenty-six boys who try to benefit the chorus and to insure its success. The boys meet twice a week for a twenty-five minute period, and a great deal is accomplished in that time.

A contest is planned with the Geneva, St. Charles and Batavia High Schools in which the Sycamore boys are going to compete, and in this way the interest of the Boys' chorus work is stimulated.

The boys are putting on a minstrel show with the aid of the girls' chorus, which will surely be a success because of their personal interest in the work.

Last but truly not least we have the most able nad successful leader. Miss Wollensack, whose interest in helping the boys in the work cannot be excelled.

—WALTER LINDGREN '25.



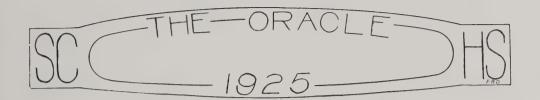
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son, Eleanor McConaghie,



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The Girls' Glee Club of 1924-1925 is composed of about sixty girls, who meet twice a week under the able direction of Miss Wollensack.

The finest music in three part work is obtained for the girls and by these compositions they become familiar with the most noted composers and are able to appreciate the best of music. Some of the compositions are: "Mighty Lak A Rose"; "Syncopated Lullaby"; "Patter of the Shoon"; and "The Icicle."

The girls' ability in music was brought out in the Minstrel and in the commencement work.

Our pianists, Florence Shoop, Josephine Settle and Alice McConaghie have done very fine work throughout the year.

Much credit is due Miss Wollensack for her untiring efforts and her capability in directing the Girls' Glee Club.

-KATHERN CHATFIELD '27.

THE MINSTREL SHOW

Early in May a Minstrel Show was presented by the combined boys' and girls' glee clubs assisted by the orchestra. Many of the boys acted as solo-ists and clever end men. The girls sang several lovely southern trios accompanying themselves on their ukuleles.

The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the band.



FIRST ROW—Marjorie Wilson, Fern Vandeburg, Orisa Lanan, Virginia Driscoll, Harriet Byers, Vivian Driscoll, Lorene Benett, Avis Coffey, Louise Joslyn, Kathern Chatfield, Loretta Rachor, Gertrude Rachor, Mary Nesbitt.

SECOND ROW—Irene Sandholm, Mary Hornung, Freda Drewe, Auril Martinson, Maurine Adee, Emelia Lenschow, Mildred Cooper, Marion Whittemore.

THIRD ROW—Ethel Hallberg, Evelyn Boyle, Pearl Peterson, Elsie Jorgenson, Louise Bodeen, Shirley Middleton, Elvira Hansen.

FOURTH ROW—Helen Carlson, Jeanette Bollinger, Doras Remala, Lillie Jackson, Theo Tomlinson, Edna Benson, Irene Klemmedson, Marjorie Bridger, Margaret Lalley, Bessie Strong, Alice McConaghie, Gladys Foy, Florence Shoop, Miss Giffin.

FIFTH ROW—Winifred Foy, Verna Swanson, Irene Lalley, Eloise Nelson, Estella Westlake, Vaughn Whitney, Marion Condon, Eleanor McConaghie, Alice Percy, Eloise Waffle, Bernice Schmidt.

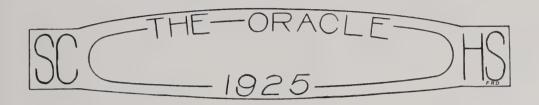
HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

First Semester Officers

Loretta Rachor	President
Louise JoslynVice	President
Jeanette BollingerSecretary and	

Second Semester Officers

Blanche Coffey	.President
Doris RamalaVice	President
Orisa Lanan	.Secretary
Irene Klemmedson	



HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

Under the able direction of Miss Veva Giffin, a Home Economics Club was organized shortly after the beginning of school last fall. This was the first time that an organization of this sort had been attempted in Sycamore High School, and the Club has proven a splendid success. Much enthusiasm was shown by the girls, and through the efforts of the officers, and the Program Committee many interesting and helpful programs have been given this year. Any girl in High School is eligible to membership in the Club. The purpose of this organization has been to promote the further interest in Domestic Science work, and to better acquaint the girls of the High School who are not taking a course in Domestic Science, with the different subjects pertaining to the home. It also gave the girls a chance to get together in a social way and many good times have been enjoyed throughout the year. Interesting talks have been given from time to time by Miss Julian on the subject of Hygiene, Miss Miner on Color and Harmony, and also a very interesting talk by Mrs. George Rykert, a former Domestic Science teacher in the Sycamore High School. The Kitchen Cabinet Band, the instruments of which were entirely of articles, used in the kitchen, was an interesting feature of this Club. A great deal of good has been derived by all of the members from the Club, and with the success which it has enjoyed this year, and the enthusiasm shown so far, there are possibilities of a strong Club next year.

-LOUISE JOSLYN '25.

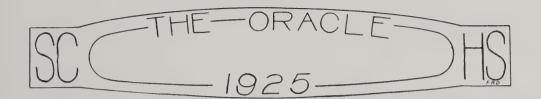


First Row—William McQueen, Ward Betty, Nicholas Scherer, Ralph Wyman, Walter Lenschow, Marvin Wetzel.

Second Row—Charles Marshall, John Ryan, James Dooley, Ray Bowers, Ellis Viner, Harold O'Brien,

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Athletic Band under the direction of Miss Wollensak and the leadership of John Ryan has had a very successful year. Playing at basketball games, pep sessions, special assemblies and important events, this organization has been a complete success and with only one member graduating a far more inviting season is looked forward to next year.



The Chamber of Commerce of Sycamore has expressed its wish to make the band a proposition to give a concert once a week during the summer months and whether the engagement will be accepted is not yet known.

Besides playing for High School events the Band also gave concerts at the following places: The Mid-Winter Fair, Father and Son Banquet, Elks' Club Banquet, and Merchants' Review.

The personnel is as follows:

John Ryan, leader; Charles Marshall, Ward Betty, William McQueen, Saxophones.

Boyd O'Brien, Alto Horn.

Harold O'Brien, Tuba.

Nicholas Sherer, Clarinet.

Ralph Wyman, Trombone.

Marvin Wetzel, Walter Lenschow, Cornets.

Ray Bowers, Ellis Viner, James Dooley, Drums.

-James Dooley '26.



THE ORCHESTRA

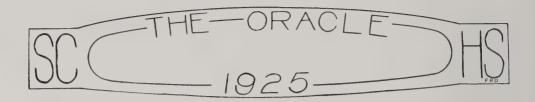
The orchestra, under the able leadership of Miss Wollensak, is one of the organizations of the High School which creates a greater interest in classical music among the student body.

In the hour that is spent each Tuesday and Wednesday after school the orchestra practices hard so that it may be an aid in concerts and entertainments.

The orchestra consists of twenty pieces. The first violinists are John Ryan, Freda Drewe, Elizabeth Warren, Edna Lobaugh, Beatrice Foster and Charles Marshall; while Dorothy Valentine, Lucille Beaman and Margaret Read ably support the second part. Each one is trying to excel the other in becoming the world's greatest violinist. Marvin Wetzel, first cornetist and Walter Lenschow, second cornetist, have been most faithful in "tooting" their horns and helping the melody to float on the air to the ears of our listeners. Rupert Jordan, flute; Harold O'Brien, tuba; Ward Betty, bass viol; Ralph Wyman, trombone; Mildred Marshall, cello; and James Dooley and Ellis Viner, traps, all contribute their part to the orchestra, thus creating a harmony greater than any other orchestra of its size in the city of Sycamore. Last but not least Sylvia Montgomery and Mildred Duval are the two competent pianists.

—ELIZABETII WARREN '26.





THE FRESHMAN HALLOWE'EN PARTY

The Class of '28 enjoyed the annual Hallowe'en party in the High School gymnasium on Friday evening, October 24, 1924.

The Hallowe'en atmosphere was shown by the clever and artistic costumes, by the ghosts who met us at the gymnasium doors and invited us into the gymnasium, and by the decorations in black and yellow, the true Hallowe'en colors.

The evening games started with a march that consisted of all the Freshmen. The faculty were judges, to judge which wore the prettiest and funniest costumes. The two who won were Lucy Boies and Ralph Pratt, and they were each awarded a prize. The evening followed with a number of amusing games. Fortunes were told by a witch, and a pleasant program was enjoyed. Following this a Hallowe'en lunch was served.

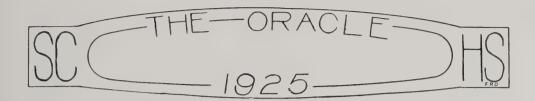
The class went home tired, but happy, feeling the four year course had really begun. Resolved to be better friends and comrades after this, our first social event.

-MARJORIE BRIDGER '28.

THE SOPHOMORE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The members of the class of '27 very pleasantly entertained the High School and Alumni at a Christmas Party, held on the afternoon of December 23, 1924.

The students of the High School and Alumni gathered in the assembly, where a speech of welcome was delivered by Charles Marshall. The play, "A Bushel of Christmas Presents," written for the occasion by George Knipp, a member of the class of '27, was given in a pleasing manner by the Sophomores. Two piano solos, by Irene Sandholm and Ralph Becker, and a cello solo by Mildred Marshall were greatly enjoyed. Edward Rogers read a very interesting, original Christmas story. A group of humorous and popular songs, among them being "Doodle Doo Doo," and "All the Freshmen Have Big Feet," by Jack Patten, "Bob" Hoover and John Ryan was well received by the audience as was shown by their applause.



Everyone then happily passed down to the gymnasium, which was very beautifully decorated, An interpretive dance, given by Jeannette Bollinger was a special feature. Music was then furnished for dancing by "Bob's" orchestra, consisting chiefly of Alumni. Dancing continued for two hours and frappe was served to all.

The Sophomore Christmas Party is an annual event and is looked forward to with pleasure by the High School students as well as the Alumni, as it is a means of meeting old friends and classmates, who have scattered to different schools after graduating.

Much credit was given to the Sophomores as well as to their adviser, Miss Giffin, for their ability as entertainers.

—GERTRUDE RACHOR '27.

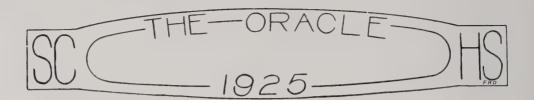
A BUSHEL OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The scene is laid in an ex-Soldier's Home, situated in a New England city. Here a few of the World War veterans live comfortably together. Most of the inmates are recuperating from the lung fever contracted after being gassed in the war.

The characters are as follows:

GEORGE KNIPP



JUNIOR-SENIOR RECEPTION

The evening of May 23, 1925, was one which will be long remembered by every member of the class of '25. On that evening the Junior class entertained the Senior class in the form of an annual reception. As the Seniors' school days were over May 22, the Junior-Senior reception was certainly an enjoyable and happy "wind-up" to four years of hard work as well as fun.

By seven o'clock everyone was assembled in the parlors of the Elks' Club. It was a scene of brilliant colors, as most every color was represented in the dresses of the "fair sex," and gay was the chatter.

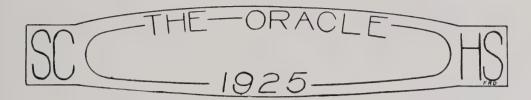
Everyone then descended to the dining room where many an "Oh" and "Ah" was heard. The room and tables were decorated in Crimson and White, the colors of the Senior class. This color scheme was also carried out in very pretty and attractive programs which were found at each plate. A delicious dinner was then served in the midst of much merry-making at every table.

However, we found out that the Juniors were not only to be commended upon their ability in serving good "eats" but also in getting up an interesting and especially good program. Marjorie Wilson acted as toast-mistress and a very good one "Peg" made, as we all know how well she likes to "pull" a joke on someone and this she did very eleverly.

The speech of welcome was given by the president of the Junior class, Keith Snelgrove, and after this talk every person present, felt entirely "at home," if not before. Dayton Ward, Senior president, responded to Keith's welcome in such a way as to represent the whole class in showing its appreciation to the Juniors. The next number on the program was a musical selection. John Ryan gave a violin solo which met with much applause as we always like to hear "Johnny" play. The next number on the program was a talk by Miss Amrine. It is needless to say that this talk was appreciated by every member of each class as well as the faculty. The subject of her talk was, "Nothing at All." A piano solo by Sylvia Montgomery, and a reading by Helen Burchfield followed, both of which were very well done, and very much enjoyed.

Everyone then went up to the Ballroom where the orchestra was tuning up for the big "hop." But before the dance began Avis Coffey and Jeannette Bollinger gave a lovey dance, thus showing the different talents which exist in the Junior class. Those who didn't dance were entertained in other ways.

This ended one of the most enjoyable social events in all four years of the Seniors' school life and each Senior cannot say too much in praise of the Junior-Senior reception and much credit is due them as well as their adviser, Miss Olmsted.



SENIOR-JUNIOR RECEPTION

The Seniors are to be especially congratulated on their splendid entertainment given to the Juniors on March 21. This event shall long be remembered by the members of the Junior class.

Together with the faculty, the two classes were gathered in the parlors of the Elks' Home at 6:30 o'clock. A few minutes later, after a few "how-do-you-do's" and "how-are you's," we passed to the dining room, found our places, and were seated.

The room as well as the tables was decorated in purple and gold. Six lighted candles at each table illuminated the room and were very suitable for the occasion. Attractive dance programs were found at all the places. The three course dinner was served to us by girls chosen from the under classes.

An especially interesting program had been arranged over which Rupert Jordan acted as toastmaster. He gave a fitting welcome address to which Ruth Driscoll responded for the class of '26, expressing the hope that the Juniors might be able to return the hospitality shown them by the Seniors when they would entertain the class of '25.

Estella Westlake then favored us with a song and an encore. An extremely fine saxophone solo was then given by Abbie Quarnstrom, an alumna.

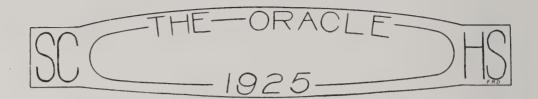
Mr. Giffin was next on the program and talked in an interesting manner on the subject, "Dreams." The last number on the program was rendered by "The Ruskin Trio," composed of John Ryan, Jack Patten and James Organ. From the applause it was evident that their songs were much appreciated.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. "Cooke's Midnight Serenaders" furnished music for the evening.

ALICE RYAN, '26.

SONNET TO BEETHOVEN

Beethoven! thou whose life was ever sad,
Whose deeds by men were never understood,
Who did not know in life thou had'st done good,
Nor longed for worldly joys thou had'st not had,
Thou, whose delight it was to charm, and glad
With notes of heavenly joy, which changed a mood,
O, thou had'st reached the height of Life's great flood,
When Nature closed thine ears, and sounds forbade.
But thou hast left behind thee on Life's Path—
In spite of thine afflictions, laboring on—
Gems of delight, which help a weary soul
To rise again, and try once more the goal
To reach. These souls, they know thine effort hath
Reached saddened hearts—who greater good hath done?
—MILDRED BURKE, '25.



SENIOR FUN NIGHT

The annual Senior Fun Night was held March 11 and 12, 1925, in the Sycamore High School auditorium. The evening performance was opened by several selections played by the High School Orchestra..

The main attraction of the evening was a three-act play, "The Private Secretary," given by several members of the Senior Class.

The cast was as follows:

......Marion Whittemore and Louise Joslyn

Douglas Cattermole is greatly in debt and his rich uncle in India refuses to send him any more money. Harry Marsland takes Douglas to the home of his uncle, Mr. Marsland, to act as his private secretary. They install the real private secretary in Douglas' rooms. The rich uncle suddenly returns from India and everything is greatly tangled up. But the true identity of the private secretary is finally established and Douglas has fallen in love with Edith, while Harry has chosen Eva.

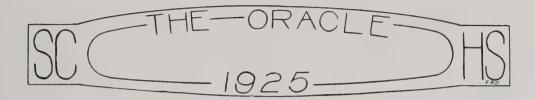
This very successful entertainment was attended by a large crowd, both nights. Much credit is due Fred Raymond, who acted as coach.

NOMA STERNS '25.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The night of December 4 was an important one in the annals of S. C. II. S. One would think that Douglas had come to life again. The magazines and daily papers ten years hence, will probably reveal the names of the following, emblazoned in bright, shining letters: Edward Safford, Jack Patten, Robert Hoover. They represented the Sycamore High School at the Oratorical Contest between Sycamore and DeKalb.

A splendid program was presented in connection with the contest, our



loyal Orchestra playing several numbers, the Girls' Glee Club singing between times, and a Barb City lad giving several solos.

The boys prepared themselves diligently for this battle royal, but the De-Kalb contestants won the first and second places and Sycamore, the third place.

First place—Paul Kunaz, DeKalb; Second place—Willard Wirtz, DeKalb; Third place—Robert Hoover, Sycamore.

We were indeed fortunate to secure Prof. Davis Edward of the University of Illinois as the judge of the contest.

These events are important in our High School life and are stepping stones on the road which leads to a complete education of the individual.

IRENE SANDHOLM.

TRI-CITY DECLAMATORY CONTEST

The Annual Girls' Declamatory Contest was held in the High School Assembly, April 18, at eight-fifteen.

The contest was held between Geneva, Batavia and Sycamore. Each city entered two contestants and Geneva brought their Boys' Glee Club, which was greatly enjoyed.

Many of the people who should have been there, must have known that a cyclone was not far away. At least there were not as many there as there should have been.

The program was opened by an Overture played by the S. H. S. Orchestra. The first selection, "King Robert of Sicily," was given by Margaret Ray. The second was by our own girl, Emma Francisco, who gave, "The Mustard Plaster," which was very humorous. The Geneva Boys' Glee Club then sang, "Sleep Weary World" and "De Coppah Moon." Miss Ida Harley gave "The Christ Baby," and Miss Sylvia Joshel gave, "Yellow Butterflies." The Sycamore Boys' Glee Club then sang, "The Winter Song." Margaret Read, our "little, but mighty," gave "Commencement" and then, "The Fleet Goes By," was given by Nichola Johnson..

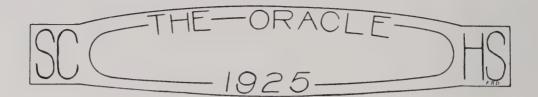
The judge was Professor Claude Lyons from the DeKalb Teachers' College. After the readings Mr. Lyons read a few selections criticising them, and later criticised the selections given in the contest.

After he had told the girls what he liked, and what he didn't like, he awarded the places:

First Place—"Yellow Butterflies," Sylvia Joshel, Geneva.

Second Place—"King Robert of Sicily," Margaret Ray, Batavia.

Third Place—"The Mustard Plaster," Emma Francisco, Sycamore.



ASSEMBLIES

We have been very fortunate this year in having with us people from various countries and cities.

Last fall a Japanese man, A. Icyda, spoke to us concerning the people, work, and customs. He sold us many pictures of their beautiful scenes and showed us samples of the beautiful handwork of the girls.

Raphael Emmanuel appeared in his native costume and spoke a few minutes of the customs of his people in Mesopotamia. After receiving an American education he plans to establish a new educational system in his country.

A noted traveler and speaker Rev. Van Kirk who is a great worker for World Peace urged all young people to become makers of peace and not makers of war. It was also interesting to see a flag which was designed to represent the world when we have World Peace.

Mrs. Max Obendorfer, wife of a great pianist, entertained us one afternoon by talking to us about our American music, telling us to make our popular music good and our good music popular.

Miss Lackey, a great thrift worker, gave an interesting account of school thrift which we later adopted.

Our various pastors have spoken at different times. Rev. Weichlein, the Chaplain of the Militia, spoke of the work which the ministry has to do with the army.

Doctor Roblee gave an address, "Abraham Lincoln," giving us more views of the life and work of our beloved American..

Reverend O'May gave an unusually interesting book review, "The Bonnie Briar Bush."

Mr. Hubbard spoke of the great orator Stephen A. Douglas and his work in our country.

Mr. Simpson spoke of the work which Sycamore has done and intends to do. Captain Joslyn informed us of the necessity of a well trained militia, both in peace and in war.

Lowell B. Smith gave a talk on sportsmanship which inspired us with a new spirit of pep for athletics in the past year.

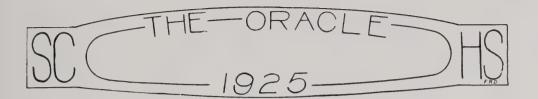
Other "pep sessions" have included entertainment by the Athletic Band, High School Orchestra, Boys' Glee Club, and various students either giving a speech or taking part in a play.

Miss Potter very interestingly told of her experiences abroad as a relief worker.

The grades entertained us with a number of songs which were received with much applause.

We can surely say our assemblies have been unusually interesting and our pep meetings have inspired us with the real High School spirit.

EDNA WELANDER '25.



COMMERCIAL CONTEST

Not only does Sycamore contest in athletics and public speaking, but also in commercial work.

Saturday, May 9, seven girls journeyed to DeKalb to take part in a contest between DeKalb and Sycamore in typewriting and shorthand. Florence Lindahl, Gertrude Kelley, Helen Johnson and Loretta Rachor composed the typing team, while Elvira Hansen, Ethel Hallberg, Ruby Joiner and Loretta Rachor made up the shorthand team. A young lady from the Gregg school conducted the contest.

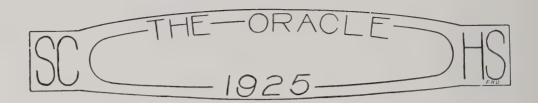
The DeKalb team took the honors in typing with an average of 38.7 words per minute. The individual honors went to Elizabeth Luhtala and Juliana Harju, DeKalb, who received first and second places, respectively, and Florence Lindahl of Sycamore who won third place.

Sycamore proved the victor in the shorthand contest with an average of 99% accuracy. Elvira Hansen, Sycamore, placed first, with the exceptional average of 100%, Ethel Hallberg and Loretta Rachor, Sycamore, tied for second and Juliana Harju and Anna Wildenradt, DeKalb, tied for third place.

The school which won in each case was awarded a red ribbon, while a red ribbon was also given to the contestant who won first place, blue for second and white for third place.

This was excellent practice for the contestants and future contests of this sort are looked forward to with much interest.

LORETTA RACHOR, '25.

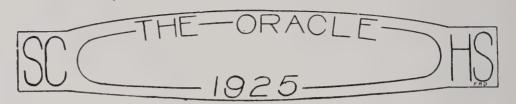


POPULARITY CONTEST

The following statistics were secured by a general vote of the student body in solemn assembly:

The most representative boy	Dayton Ward
The most popular boy	Dayton Ward
The best looking boy	Dayton Ward
The best student	Rupert Jordan
The best athlete	Leland Strombom
The laziest boy	Charles Cornwall
The best bluffer	
The peppiest boy	John Ryan
The best lady fusser	John Ryan
The most representative girl	Marjory Wilson
The most representative girl	•
	Harriett Byers
The most popular girl	
The most popular girl	Ruth DriscollVerna Swanson
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The most popular girl. The best looking girl. The best student. The best athlete. The laziest girl. The best bluffer.	





FOOTBALL REVIEW

Great interest was shown in football this year. About thirty fellows answered Coach Gipson's call and there were about twenty-four out for practice every night. The first team was organized immediately and practice begun, and a little later, a second team, under Coach Harboldt, set drilling. Sycamore's players were all light compared to the teams they played, yet they always made a good showing.

THE NAPERVILLE GAME

The first game of the season was played at Naperville and a great calamity befell Sycamore. The Naperville squad, when they toddled out onto the field, looked for all the world like eleven giants. My, they were big! Just the sight of them took away Sycamore's breath, but she gamely went into it and emerged dirtied, knocked, bumped, scratched, and winded, but still fighting. The score was 34 to θ . Captain Leinauer was injured in the first quarter and unable to play the rest of the game. Consequently the line was greatly weakened and backfield plays were broken up.

THE BATAVIA GAME

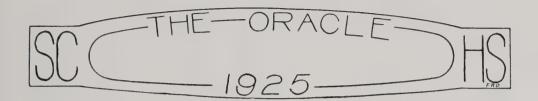
The second game of the season was played in the home "Stadium" with Batavia. Batavia scored one touchdown in the first quarter. Sycamore lost the ball on downs. "Mike" Patterson made a thrilling run of 60 yards and Burchfield carried the ball the remaining foot for a touchdown. Sycamore exhibited better tackling, and plays were better executed but Batavia's excellent runners seemed to be almost impossible to stop. Towards the close of the third quarter Henigan missed a drop-kick. The score of this battle was 34 to 6.

THE DUNDEE GAME

Hooray for the first (and only) conference victory! Who did Sycamore beat? That Dundee crew. How bad? 14 to 0, and on the enemy's ground, too! From first till last Sycamore was hot on Dundee's trail. Bob Tucker got the first tackle. The first touchdown was made by continuous line plunging and finishing by a fake pass. "Mike" carried the ball over, zip! Dundee was much the heavier of the combatants and this game is rightly called a display of brains vs. "beef". Bowers made several pretty runs of 30 yards and the like. In the last quarter "Scummy" made a touchdown on an intercepted pass; otherwise the most interesting thing of this quarter was that "Scum's" stockings came down.

THE HARVARD GAME

The game played at Harvard was the first of the off-conference games and the second victory of the year. A snappier or closer game is rarely seen. Sycamore scored 7 points in the first two or three minutes and Harvard made 6 points as the half ended. At the start of the second half Sycamore scored another touchdown on the famous "Gipson Special," a fake pass. Harvard



not to be outdone scored a touchdown but Bowers blocked the kick. Henigan and Kendall, ends, played good football and "Tango" Teach was in punting form. His maximum was 70 yards. Some punting! The score was 12 to 13 in Sycamore's favor.

THE ST. CHARLES GAME

This was another good game even if Sycamore didn't win. St. Charles scored a touchdown in the first quarter by means of her invincible aerial attack. One of the most noteworthy features of this period was Sycamore's holding their enemy on the one yard line for four down, some pretty work! Sycamore worked hard during the second half and twice reached the enemy's ten yard line but both times a fatal fumble was made. The game ended 10 to 0 in St. Charles' favor.

A curtain raiser game was played between the second teams of Sycamore and St. Charles. This was the second team's only outside game and they made it good by winning 7 to 6.

THE WHEATON GAME

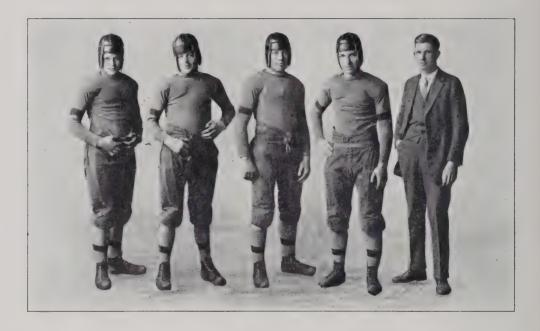
Wheaton hadn't lost a game up to this one and were so sure of winning this one that they put in the second team backfield. Sycamore made a touchdown right away. Wheaton's regulars went in at the quarter, but still Sycamore held her. The score at the half was 7-7. In the second half, however, Wheaton couldn't make goals fast enough. Caldwell made some excellent recoveries for Sycamore, but to no avail. The final score was 45 to 7.

THE GENEVA GAME

The last conference game of the season was played at Geneva, November 8. It was a good, hard-fought game, but due to the loss of Scummy, who had a wrenched shoulder, Sycamore was defeated 20-10. Geneva made a touchdown and the goal kick in the first quarter. In the second Sycamore picked up and scored 10 points, Burchfield a touchdown and Henigan a field goal. In the hoodoo third quarter Geneva scored 13 points, and neither team scored in the last.

THE ROCHELLE GAME

Our last game was played in the snow on Thanksgiving Day. The team played the best game of the season; the blocking and tackling was excellent. Neither team scored for the first three quarters; it was mainly a game of punt. Sycamore played to hard luck all of the time and sure enough Rochelle made a touchdown in the last quarter. The game ended 7-0 in Rochelle's favor.



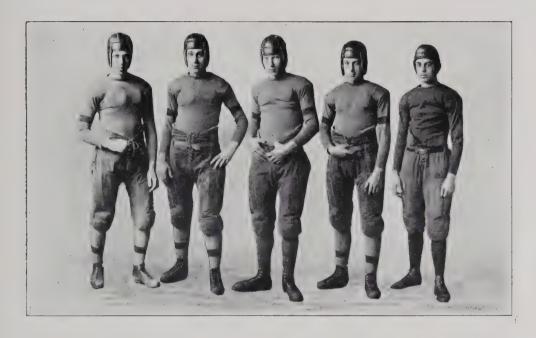
Algert Binder, Substitute Lineman. Algert did not win a permanent position on the team this year but has an excellent chance for next year.

Stanley Burchfield, Quarterback. "Buzz" was our tricky quarter whose cheery voice and smile put the fighting spirit into every member of the squad. "Buzz" has another year and we're certainly glad of it.

Laverne Tucker, Left Tackle. Bob made an excellent tackle this year and since he has two more years, he bids fair to be the football star of the future.

George Leinauer, Center. George's record in football has been an excellent one, having played for three years and being Captain the last one. His clear headedness, expert playing, and knowledge of the game made him a capable and popular leader as well as one of the best players S. H. S. has ever had.

Harry Armington, Manager. No one has been a more ardent supporter and faithful fan to the cause of athletics in Sycamore than our able manager, Harry Armington. His ability in making arrangements for games and trips has been of utmost value in making the season a success. Always genial and good natured he is a friend of everyone and has won the heartiest appreciation and deepest gratitude of the entire squad.



James Montgomery, Right Guard. Jim just discovered this year that he had any football talent. He played regularly as guard and "plowed through" several times for a touchdown.

Bernard Teach, Right Tackle. Ben has played his last game for S. H. S. He was a hard hitting player and good punter and will be missed in the next year's line.

Leland Strombom, Full-Back. "Scum" was the main stay of our backfield. He was a good line plunger besides being the best forward passer in the Little Seven Conference teams.

Clarence Henigan, Left End. "Hen" made many good plays at "end" and was always ready with his characteristic skill and luck at kicking goals.

Warren Patterson, Right Half-Back. "Mike" was our "Grange." He made some of the most spectacular runs seen on the H. S. gridiron for some time.



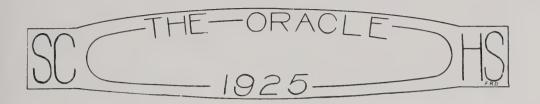
Ralph Pratt, Substitute Backfieldman. "Bill" did not win his letter this year but he has a good chance of doing so next year.

Roy Caldwell, Left Guard. This was also Roy's first year on the team. He played a fast game making many excellent recoveries for Sycamore High.

Hawley Kendall, Right End. This was Hawley's first year of High School football and according to his record he will make a fast "end" for next year.

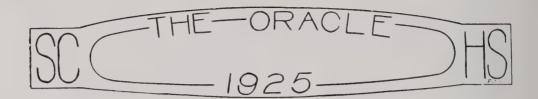
Ray Bowers, Left Half-Back. This was Ray's second year as half-back on the team and he has two more. His unerring skill as a tackler and speedy running make him one of the best players of the squad.

Leslie Read, Substitute Quarter-Back. "Les" was always prepared for any emergency and always did what was needed of him.



FIRST TEAM SCHEDULE

Date	Э	Loser	Winner	Score
Dec.	2	Genoa at	Sycamore	18-10
Dec.	5	Sycamore at	Wheaton	20- 7
Dec. 1	12 at	Sycamore	Batavia	23-10
Dec. 1	19	Sycamore at	Dundee	20-16
Dec. 2	20 at	Sycamore	Elburn	30-19
Dec. 2	26	Alumni '23at	Sycamore	17-11
Jan.	2 at	Sycamore	Williamsville	18-17
Jan.	9 at	Sycamore	Naperville	21-17
Jan. 1	7	Sycamore at	Belvidere	31-12
Jan. 2	20 at	Sycamore	DeKalb	19- 9
Jan. 2	3 at	Geneva	Sycamore	20-19
Jan. 2	4	Hampshire at	Sycamore	22-21
Jan. 3	at at	Sycamore	St. Charles	17-10
Jan. 3	1 at	West Chicago	Sycamore	22-12
Feb.	6 at	Sycamore	Wheaton	24-15
Feb.	7 at	Genoa	Sycamore	16-26
Feb. 1	0 at	DeKalb	Sycamore	20-18
Feb. 1	3	Syeamoreat	Batavia	33-20
Feb. 1	4	West Chicagoat	Sycamore	32-15
Feb. 1	7 at	Sycamore	Belvidere	23-17
Feb. 2	0	Dundee at	Sycamore	14- 9
Feb. 2	1	Sycamore at	St. Charles	17-10
Feb. 2	7 at	Naperville	Sycamore	17-15
Feb. 2	8	Geneva at	Sycamore	20-18



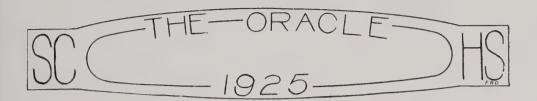
HEAVY WEIGHT REVIEW

The basketball season was looked forward to with great enthusiasm and expectancy by the athletes, student body and town fans, as one to be exceptionally successful. When the call for volunteers was issued about fifty fellows answered; in fact, there were so many that some of them could not practice—something unheard of before. A first team was partly picked out and everyone put through good hard practice for the Genoa game, December 2. Sycamore was victorious and became rather light-hearted and flippant about the prospects. Sudden disaster however, met her at Wheaton in the form of a 20-7 defeat. The team took it fairly good naturedly as part of the play and began preparing for Batavia, the next week. Their spirits soon revived and they felt not a bit afraid of Batavia, but again disaster overwhelmed them, on the home floor. The score was 23-10.

The next week Dundee was attacked. Due to certain difficulties the first team did not play. The scrubs put up a good fight and lost only 20-16. Of the first ten games of the season, Sycamore won two—Genoa and the Alumni of '23. The first game of the new year was against Williamsville, whose coach is Mr. Gipson's brother. It was "a battle royal" from start to finish but Syeamore was worsted, 17-18. Next Naperville came around and defeated us 21-17. The third game in '25 was at Belvidere. Sycamore by brilliant playing kept ahead of Belvidere most of the first half but was defeated 31-12. DeKalb followed Belvidere's lead and "beat up on us" 19-9.

Now, Friend Reader, don't get the idea from the above account that Sycamore was worthless; far from it. You will see that she was almost winning and with a little more strength would do so against teams of her own class, and that there was not reason for much discouragement. On the other hand these games were developing in the team speed, skill, team-work and the much needed endurance. Consequently, the team was rewarded for its pluck by winning over Geneva 19-20. It was one of the best games of the season and certainly exciting. That this was not just luck is shown by the fact that Hampshire was beaten the next night in an equally exciting game by a score of 21-22.

And now came one of the worst streaks of luck that ever befell a team.



Captain Strombom became very ill, due to serious over exertion in the Hampshire game, and was unable to play any more till the last two games. The team, crippled as it was, worked on nobly as Henigan filled "Scum's" place and practice was renewed harder than ever. January 30 we were beaten 17-10 by St. Charles but the next evening mopped the earth with West Chicago, beating them 22-12. With renewed vigor Wheaton was again met, but she had lost none of her strength and Sycamore was defeated 24-15. Genoa was again beaten and then DeKalb attacked.

Oh, Reader, that you could have been there! It was a snappy game; nearly frantie! With 33 seconds to play Sycamore was four points behind but two free throws and two baskets did the trick. After this exceptional spurt Sycamore was beaten by the Little Seven Champs, Batavia, 33-20. Next however, West Chicago was over-run 32-15. Belvidere again defeated us 23-17; as did St. Charles, 17-10. The remainder of the schedule was three victories for Sycamore—Dundee, 14-9; Naperville, 17-15; Geneva, 20-18—they were all speedy, exciting games.

The last thing attempted was the DeKalb tournament March 5, 6 and 7. Sycamore played the second game of the tournament against Ashton. Sycamore's playing in general was very poor, only beating Ashton 27-15. This victory put us against Dixon who had beaten Shabbona. Dixon had some very good luck on baskets while Sycamore was rather unlucky and was defeated 19-23. Thus the season ended. It may not seem to some very successful, yet when the extra heavy schedule and other obstacles are taken into consideration the season becomes far from a failure.



Leland Strombom, Center. Seum was captain this year and was certainly capable of the job. He was a swift, skillful center and crack basket shooter with natural qualities of leadership. Due to serious injury he was unable to play for several weeks, and hopes of a championship team were lost.

Bernard Teach, Forward. Ben played a snappy game as forward, making some of the most critical baskets of the season. Ben's prowess will be long remembered by Sycamore High.

Dayton Ward, Guard. Date jumped at center and then dropped back to guard as Leinauer's running mate. The guards were the main stay of the team so their ability is unquestioned. Date will be greatly missed by next year's team.

Clarence Henigan, Forward. Hen was a fast player with a wonderful eye for the basket. He was always ready and willing to do his best anywhere and will always be remembered for his loyalty.



George Leinauer, Guard. George has been our star guard for two years and he deserves great credit for his ability as a player and for his loyalty to team and school. He acted as captain during Scum's absence and proved himself as good a leader as player.

Leslie Read, Forward. Les was our Junior forward and, though handicapped some by his size, made a good, steady player. He bids fair to be next year's star.

Frank Kethcart, Guard. Kitty left us before the season was over; nevertheless he earned his letter by his good playing. He did not receive a permanent position but was so excellent a substitute that we wish he had stayed for next year.

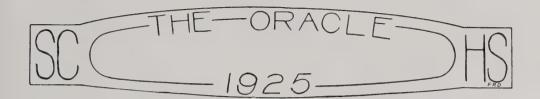
Coach "Dave" Gipson. Mr. Gipson has been the efficient director of athletics for two years and their development for the better has been very marked since he came. He has always stood for clean upright playing and has thereby developed an excellent spirit among the fellows on the teams. His watchfulness over and faithfulness to the teams has proven his loyalty to Sycamore and we wish him great success in the future.



Hawley Kendall, Albert Leonard, Ray Bowers, Stanley Burchfield, Harold Sabin, Lowell Smith, Lavern Tucker.

LIGHT WEIGHT SCHEDULE

Date	Loser	Winner	Score
Dec. 2	Genoa	at Sycamore	15- 0
Dec. 5	at Wheaton	Sycamore	7-6
Dec. 12	at Sycamore	Batavia	11- 9
Dec. 19	at Dundee	Sycamore	.20- 7
Dec. 20	Elburn	at Sycamore	.24-15
Dec. 26	Alumni '24	at Sycamore	.17- 9
Jan. 2	Maple Park	at Sycamore	.29- 6
Jan. 9	Naperville	at Sycamore	. 13-12
Jan. 17	at Belvidere	Sycamore	. 16-13
Jan. 20	at Sycamore	DeKalb	
Jan. 23	at Geneva	Sycamore	20- 8
Jan. 24	Hampshire	at Sycamore	
Jan. 30	St. Charles	at Sycamore	31- 7
Jan. 31	at West Chicago	Sycamore	.32- 2
Feb. 6	at Sycamore	Wheaton	.20-19
Feb. 7	at Genoa	Sycamore	. 14-23
Feb. 10	Sycamore	at DeKalb	20-14
Feb. 13	Sycamore	at Batavia	. 16-13
Feb. 14	West Chicago	at Sycamore	. 33- 3
Feb. 17	Belvidere	at Sycamore	.23-17
Feb. 20	Dundee	at Sycamore	. 12-10
Feb. 21	Sycamore	at St. Charles	.17-10
Feb. 27	Sycamore	at Naperville	. 19-13
Feb. 28	Geneva	at Sycamore	



LIGHT WEIGHT REVIEW

Out of the many candidates for basket ball last fall, an excellent team, composed almost entirely of lower classmen, was welded by Coach Harboldt. The team averaged a little light but that was easily made up by their speed and skill. They were admired by all their opponents for their ability and clean sportsmanship.

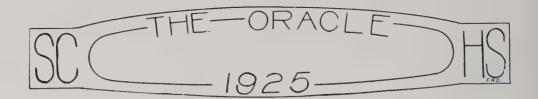
The hard schedule was well begun by beating first Genoa, and then Wheaton. The fellows had been given about a week of heavy practice and well they had for Wheaton was good and heavy, and put up a hard fight. The score 7-6 is evidence of the character of the game. The next week Batavia was tackled on our own floor but Sycamore succumbed to the team that was destined to be the Little Seven Champs.

After this came a list of six successive victories over such teams as Dundee, Elburn, Naperville and Belvidere. Constant practice, developing excellent basket shooting and team work and above all a fighting spirit, made this record, against such heavy teams, possible. It was broken, however, by De-Kalb, who "came, saw, and conquered" us 20-15. DeKalb beat us mainly because some of the regular men could not play, due to bad finals.

Following this defeat was another row of four victories, equalled only by the first. The Geneva, Hampshire, St. Charles and West Chicago teams fell in this group. These were all strenuous games and the team, though fighting its best, began to weaken. The crash came at DeKalb where Sycamore was way ahead at the half but lost to DeKalb, 20 to 14.

Next Batavia defeated us on her home floor. The game was fast and hard fought but Batavia was too strong. Belvidere beat us February 17, 23-17. This defeat was in part atoned for by walloping Dundee three nights later, but the following evening St. Charles beat us. This defeat was due mainly to too heavy a schedule; the fellows were too tired to play well. A week after Naperville defeated us in a rather slow game 19-13, but the season was fairly satisfactorily ended by defeating Geneva 10-12, in a good, snappy game.

Thus was the season ended. Eighteen games out of twenty-four were won. The season was a success first, because of the fine record, and second because a good bunch of fellows were trained for next year.



CLASS GAMES

The basketball enthusiasm was so great this year that the Class games were held before the last football game had been played. The Seniors were put in charge of the games and received the proceeds. They were held during the afternoon and evening of November 14, thus giving the town people a chance to see them.

In the afternoon the Seniors easily beat the Sophomores 24-0, but the Juniors had some difficulty in beating the Freshmen, 21-14. The Freshmen have a wonderful team, small, but fast and are excellent basket shooters.

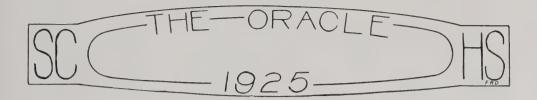
In the evening the Freshmen over ran the Sophomores 18-2, completely out-playing them. The Senior-Junior game was good and fast; the Seniors won, however, 21-14, thus becoming the High School Champions for two years, something quite unusual. The Juniors won second place, the Freshmen third, and the Sophomores, fourth.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Miss Julian, our gymnasium director, has introduced several new features in the work of the gymnasium classes this past year. Squad work was organized and put in operation immediately after the Christmas Holidays. The gymnasium classes were divided into groups or squads, which competed on groups of gymnastic exercises and stunts. The winning squads received letter points for their proficiency. The squad leaders of the winning squads were: Jeannette Bollinger, Evelyn Boyle, Margaret Lalley and Marjorie Wilson. Gladys Foy and Alice McConaghie made individual high records.

Volley ball has been added to the list of competitive group games, consisting of Soccer, Basketball and Base Ball. Picked teams for both Volley Ball and Basket Ball will play at the Gymnasium Exhibit to be given May 15. The winners of the inter-class basket ball tournament, the Juniors, and their close seconds, the Sophomores, will play at that time. The exhibit will consist of representative drills, Swedish Calisthenics, folk dancing, racing and games.

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the work has been the combining of outside school athletic activities with class work for letter points. It is now possible for each Sycamore High School girl to have an attractive letter just like her athletic brother's. Letter points are given for floor work, and the class activities; for membership on teams; and for outside activities such as skating, hiking, tennis, and out door play. Seniors making 125 points will receive their letters this year. Other classes are required to make 300 points and will win their letters next year.



BASEBALL '25

Baseball, after being omitted from the Sycamore High School athletic curriculum for several years, was this spring given a place of significance among our other sports.

The first call for candidates resulted in an enormous turnout. Though some of the boys failed to meet the approval of coaches, Harboldt and Gipson, their inability to make the team was due to their lack of size, rather than ability. A short, tentative schedule had to be arranged, due to the conflicting track meets, in which some of the base ball players took part. Games were scheduled with Geneva, St. Charles, St. Alban's, Hinckley and Waterman.

The first game on April 18 resulted in a victory for St. Charles at St. Charles. Sycamore outhit their rivals but because of their erratic tactics in the field made the game considerably easier for St. Charles to annex, by the score of 12-6.

The next week Sycamore spent periods of long duration practicing in the field and brushing up on the technique of batting. As a result the game on April 25 with Geneva proved to be a victory for Sycamore 20-15. Sycamore found the offerings of the Geneva hurling staff much to their liking and smashed out thirty-five hits. Geneva, however, made the majority of her tallies on Sycamore's errors, finding the eluding slants of Henigan and Read rather difficult to meet. As this Oracle goes to press we hope the remainder of the season will be as successful as the first. The regular varsity and monogram men were: Henigan, p-3b; Askeland, ss; Teach, 2b-3b; L. Strombom, 1b; Kendall, e; Tomlinson, rf; Read, p-2b; D. Strombom, ef; Sanders, lf; R. Caldwell and Smith, utility.

As only three of the team are lost by graduation the prospects for another good team are exceedingly bright and we wish them the best of luck.

—SCUMMY '25.

TRACK SEASON

The Track Season is becoming more and more popular as the years go by, along with the other sports that have gained a name for the Sycamore High School. This season, the equipment was of the best and a fine looking squad of track men were turned out in first class condition. Coach Gipson held strenuous practices every night on the new track field laid out this year. The Inter-Class meet held at the beginning of the track season resulted in the Seniors taking first in the field events while the Juniors won the track events. Much usable material was found through this meet and this encouraged the Coach to enter a contest at DeKalb and another at Aurora.







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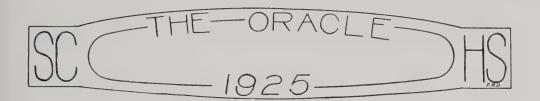
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Jack (looking surprised: Why-? What have you done?

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"Fatten him up? I say, Astling, why the poor beast can hardly earry the little meat that's on him now."

"Bona Legs Caesaris — Bony Legs of Caesar."

Joe Crum: Marion, you look sweet enough to eat.

Marion W.: I do eat, where shall we go?

Mr. Terrell: Now, Fay, if you can get this one idea into your head you will have everything in a nut shell.

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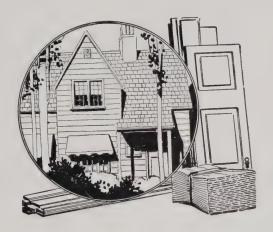
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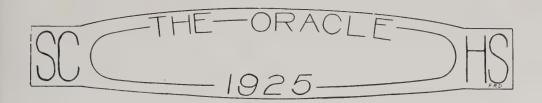
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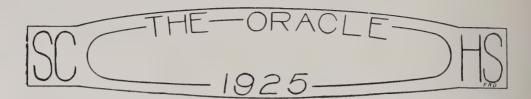
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To those who go to college S. H. S. will always seem a good friend who has given a helping hand to boost us a step higher. But to those who go into the world she will be a bigger influence; the factor that has shaped and moulded our lives and fitted us for our task as the builders and workers of the future generation.

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It has been our desire and ambition to set an example for the lower classes and by thus doing to repay in some small measure the many benefits we have received at the hands of all who have helped to make our years in S. H. S. so pleasant and profitable. But we feel our debt will not be wiped out at commencement, that it will only be repaid by our efforts to carry on in the land of things that count the ideals given us by our Alma Mater.

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